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Amendments to the Specification

On page 1, after the title, please amend the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/234,591, filed January 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,706,682, issued March 16, 2004, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present application.--

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 17, lines 27-32, as follows:

--The oligonucleotide sequences of the primers used are as follow:

Primer 5'
Species human
Location start of exon 1
Nucleotide sequence 5' TGC ACC CAT GGC AGA AGG AGG 3' (SEQ ID NO:1)--

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 17, lines 34-37, as follows:

Primer 3'
Species human
Location end of exon 8
Nucleotide sequence 5' TCA CCG CCT CGG CTT GTC ACA 3' (SEQ

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ID NO:2) --

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 18, lines 2-5, as follows:

--Primer 5'
Species rat
Location start of exon 1
Nucleotide sequence 5' TGC ACC CAC GAC AGA AGG GGA 3' (SEQ ID NO:3) --

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 18, lines 7-10, as follows:

--Primer 3'
Species rat
Location end of exon 8
Nucleotide sequence 5' TCA CCG CCT TGG CTT GTC ACA T 3'
(SEQ ID NO:4) --

Please enter the Sequence Listing annexed hereto as **Exhibit A** into the subject application.